Grayson County Fair

August 13 and 14, 2021

Bottomley’s Evergreens and Farm

Route 21

Elk Creek, VA 24326

Reference: Honey Show on August 14, 2021

Submit exhibits in person between 8:30-9:45 A.M., or contact

Mickey Cunningham, tel. 276-579-2123 to arrange special handling

2021 Grayson County Fair: Honey Show Rules

***Purpose:***

* To let public know about honey producers in the local area
* To improve quality of honey produced locally
* To introduce competitiveness forum to and for beekeepers

***Responsibilities:***

The Grayson County Fair Committee (GCFC) will be responsible for drafting policies, rules, and judging criteria and for disseminating information. Judges will adhere to the Committee's policies and rules herein. The Committee will be responsible for:

* Allocating space for the show and arranging entries.
* Compliance with show rules and judging criteria.
* Obtaining qualified judges.
* Obtaining funds for judges and awards.
* Accepting entries and opening show at predetermined, published time.
* Making recommendations for future shows within one month following the Fair.
* Recording all "Blue Ribbon" winners for local newspapers.

***Criteria:***

The Honey Show judging criteria will reflect the skill of participant. Color and flavor of local honey will be important. Alteration of color or flavor will be reason for disqualification.

The Honey Show judges may be professors of apiculture, or students of apiculture under a professor's supervision, blue-ribbon winners of regional or state honey shows. Judges must completely fill out all score cards. Should an entry be disqualified, the judge(s) must state the reason for disqualification. Judges will break all ties, and decisions of judges is final. Exhibitors will receive score cards after end of competition.

***Disclaimer:*** GCFC and judges will NOT be liable for damage to product; however, due care will be taken during display and judging. Exhibitors enter items at their own risk. Time permitting, judges may hold an open discussion open to the public after the show.

General Rules of Honey Show:

* All entries MUST BE produced and bottled after January 31, 2021.
* One entry for each class of honey may be made by an individual, family, or apiary.
* Rules for each class will apply.
* Identifying labels will be forbidden. Entries will receive a number by exhibit committee.
* Exhibitor must choose which classes to place entries according to **UC Davis Honey Color Codes**. Judges may adjust classes at their discretion.
* Entries can be made only between 8:30 -9:45 A.M., August 14, 2021.
* Entries must be left intact and on display until released by GCFC Chair.
* Displays of commercial products or displays will NOT be permitted in the Honey Show area.
* Judge’s decision(s) will be final.
* Show Chair or Master Judge has authority to accept, reject, and classify entries IAW show policies, rules, and judging criteria.
* GCFC assumes no liability for loss or damage to entries.
* Entries not claimed by the end of the Fair will be disposed of by the Show Chair.

*Honey Show-Class Description*

H1- 2 jars of honey 1 lb. each, extracted, color: white, light, light amber, amber, will be classed "LIGHT"

H5- 2 jars of honey 1 lb. each, extracted, color: darker than amber, will be classed "DARK"

* Entries in class H1 and H5, marked, must be in Gambrel Jars (Queenline Glass Jars), may have metal or plastic lids. Canadian and International exhibitors may enter class H1 and/or H5 with 500 gram universal jars.
* An official honey color grade sheet may be used to determine class.
* All entries must be produced from an entrant's apiary and have been produced after January 31, 2021.

*Judging Criteria*

Extracted Honey

Class H1 and H5 Maximum Points

* Density: max water content 18.5% 20
* Water content 15.5%-17.0% 20
* Water content 17.1% - 18.0% 18

*(Disqualification: above18.6% water or below 15.5 %)*

* Absence of crystals 10
* Cleanliness *(without the following: lint, dirt, wax, foam;* 24
* *award 6 points each)*
* Flavor *(Points reduced only for flavor lost by processing)* 8
* Color 8
* Container appearance includes equal level of fill 10
* Accuracy/Uniformity of filling *(Headroom: 1/2 inch* 20

*maximum, 1/8 inch minimum; no gap between honey level and cap)*

**Total 100**

**Contact Persons: Mickey Cunningham, tel.- 276-579-2123/email: cunningmr@hughes.net or**

**Michelle Pridgen, cell-276-768-0597/independencefarmersmarket.org**

**Fair Grounds: Bottomley’s Christmas Tree Business Warehouse, Route 21, Elk Creek, VA 24326**

**Gambrel jars may be available from Mickey Cunningham.**